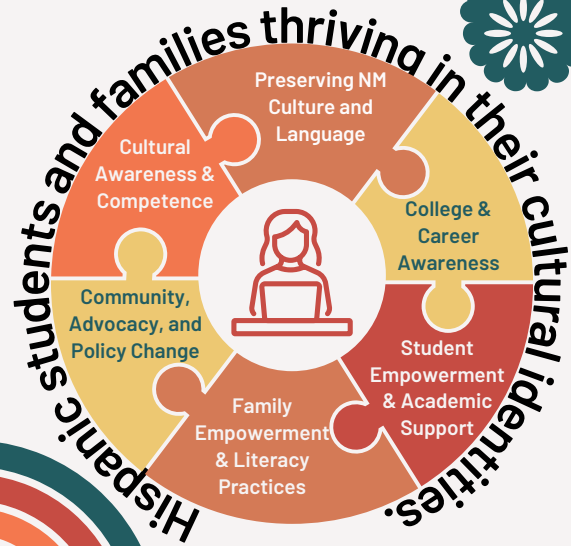


# The Hispanic Education Act

Enacted in 2010, this historic legislation created a statutory framework to address the educational disparities faced by Hispanic students in New Mexico.

- Develop Educational Systems:** Provide programs and policies that improve the academic success of Hispanic students.
- Encourage Parental Involvement:** Foster active participation of families in their children's education.
- Promote Community Collaboration:** Provide mechanisms for all stakeholders to work together in providing services, resources, and support to enhance educational opportunities for Hispanic students.



## The NMPED Hispanic Education Bureau

The Hispanic Education Bureau (HEB), established in 2022 within the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED), is tasked with supporting schools to meet the requirements of the HEA and addressing systemic challenges to improve outcomes for Hispanic students in New Mexico.

## Hispanic Education Priorities for 2025

1. Amend the HEA during the 2025 legislative session to bring parity with the NMPED education acts to allow for mileage, per diem, and stipends for the Hispanic Education Advisory Council to support the work of the HEB.
2. The Hispanic Education Advisory Council would like to establish a bi-annual Hispanic education summit to impact policy, systems, and programs for Hispanic students and families.

64% of New Mexico's student population is Hispanic.

(NM Vistas, 2021)

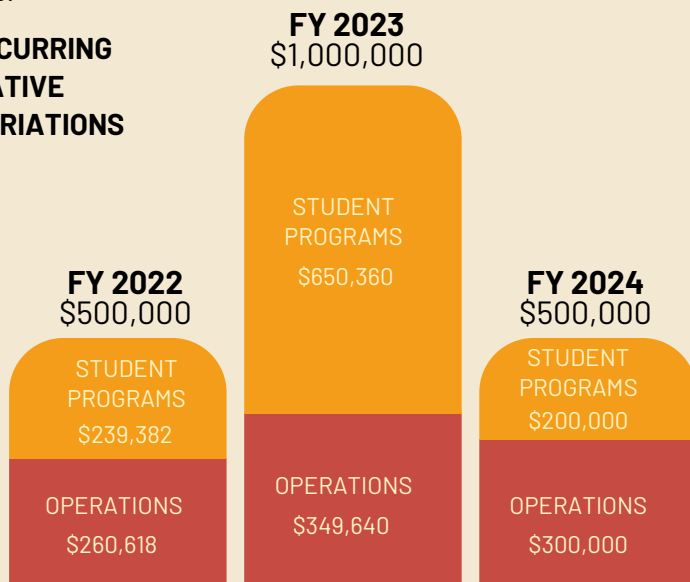
76.1% of Hispanic students in 2022 graduated in 4 years as compared to 76.3% of all students statewide.

(NMPED, 2022)

Clovis High School, Santa Rosa Elementary, and Lovington Middle / High School doubled their enrollment in HEB supported arts and music programs.

(NMPED Survey, 2024)

### NON-RECURRING LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS



The HEB is not included in the NMPED budget, requiring that HEB operating expenses, including salaries, be drawn from any appropriation received.

# The Impact



**Latinos in Action Curriculum:** Currently in 8 schools, LIA offers year-long elective courses to develop student leadership, literacy, and college readiness.

**Hispanic Arts and Music Mini-Grants:** Mini-grants funded programs in 10 schools like folklórico dance, mariachi ensembles, and hip-hop dance in schools with high Hispanic enrollment.

**Hispanic Student Programming Teacher Stipends:** 23 teachers received stipends to support their work in electives and after-school programs, and recognize the educators' critical contributions to student enrichment.

**Family Engagement Infrastructure and Program Design:** HEB developed Canvas courses to empower families with knowledge about public education policies, funding, and engagement strategies.

**Hispanic Education Instructional Materials and Supplies:** Materials to support Hispanic identity programs, including books, parent resources, and a student-led printing and embroidery shop at Albuquerque Technology Leadership High School.

**Dual Language Parent Institute Scholarships:** 35 parents in 2023 and 29 parents in 2024 attended the Semillas y Raíces Parent and Community Institute at the annual La Cosecha conference hosted by DLeNM.

**Professional Development for Stakeholders & Partners:** HEB conducted workshops and sessions to engage with the Hispanic Education Advisory Council, NMPED staff, and Latino administrators.



**College and Career Summer Program Scholarships:** Scholarships allowed students to attend arts, music, and leadership programs, including the National Hispanic Institute's Collegiate World Series (45 students in SY23-24) and the New Mexico High School Musical Theatre Awards (40 students in SY23-24).



91% of students that participated in HEB supported arts programs felt inspired to do better in school.

(NMPED Survey, 2024)